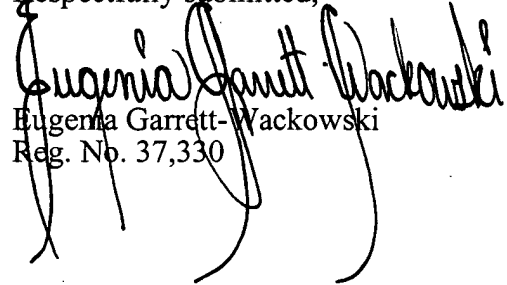


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Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 2 of page 6 has been amended as follows:

FIG. 1 illustrates a comparison of the nucleic acid sequences of the UCP2 nucleic acids identified by Tartaglia, *et al.*, *supra* (A) (SEQ ID NO:5), Fleury, *et al.*, *supra* (B) (SEQ ID NO:7) and Chen, ~~SEQ ID NO: 2~~ (C) (SEQ ID NO:2).

Paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 6 has been amended as follows:

FIG. 2 illustrates a comparison of the amino acid sequences of the UCP2 polypeptides identified by Fleury, *et al.*, *supra* (A) (SEQ ID NO:8), Chen, ~~SEQ ID NO: 4~~ (B) (SEQ ID NO:1) and Tartaglia, *et al.*, *supra* (C) (SEQ ID NO:6).